

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
April 08, 2003

(All attachments referenced in these minutes are available at City Hall)

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The Mayor led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson and Aldermen Gina Daniel, Mike Kemp, Glenn Dinsmore, Linda Linkous, and Diane Everett.

Minutes of March 11, 2003 regular meeting were accepted on motion by Alderman Kemp, second by Alderman Dinsmore and a unanimous vote.

Dept head reports:

Water Dept Manager, Jim Ort, reported that a petition was being circulated to establish a board to manage the Saline County Water Association. He estimated a cost of about 25 cents per customer to fund this operation.

Mr. Ort also announced that a group of central Arkansas water purveyors were seeking a new study/evaluation of central Arkansas water sources. Mr. Ort estimated that the costs would average about 25 cents per water customer for this activity.

Bids have been submitted for purchase of a new Water Department truck.
(See Attachment "A".)

In response to a question from Alderman Linkous relative to the annexation project, Mr. Ort reported that a meeting was scheduled next week with the developer of the land and one topic of discussion would be Sewer vs. Septic Tanks.

Fire Chief, Mel Aldridge, reported that the Fire Dept. responded to 7 fire calls and 11 rescues during March.

Chief Aldridge also reported that a Storm Spotters class is scheduled for April 14 and a Burn Treatment class will take place the following night. (April 15). All interested parties are urged and welcome to attend. A written report was submitted.
(See Attachment "B".)

Police Chief, John Brown, reported that the police department had been very active in March with 371 calls received and 84 reports and case files generated. A written report was supplied. (See Attachment "C".)

Court Clerk, Staci Brantley, submitted a written report (See Attachment "D".)
She reported receipts of \$11,861.25 during the months of February and March and \$2,475.00 for period of April 1 thru April 8.

The court handled 127 charges in the April session. See report for detailed analysis.
(See Attachment "D".)

Treasurer, Curt Wilson, gave a verbal report and acknowledged that having taken over the office recently, with much to learn and little time to prepare, did not have a written or full report at meeting time, but would provide one within the next few days.

The totals reported were: General Fund balance \$21,865.11. Revenues for March were \$23,721.36. Expenditures for March were \$17,409.17. The Payroll Account balance is \$962.00. The Street fund balance is \$104,798.60.

Issue 1. Modification of January minutes

Motion was made by Alderman Kemp to modify the minutes from the January 14, 2003 meeting. The modification was approved during the February regular meeting, but was never implemented. The motion received a second from Alderman Daniel. Roll call vote was as follows: Aldermen Daniel, Kemp, Dinsmore and Everette voted "YES". Alderman Linkous voted "NO". Refer to Minutes for Jan 14, 2003.

Issue 2. Filling Vacant Alderman Position (Ward 2, Position 2)

Mayor Davis announced that two people had expressed a desire and willingness to serve in the position. He called on each to make a statement to the council and the members of the community who were present at the meeting. Mr. Jerry Brewer and Mr. Rick Tribble each introduced themselves, stated their willingness to serve and feelings about the community. In accordance with State Law 14-44-104, the vacancy was filled through a vote of the sitting Council members.

Following the comments, a motion was made by Alderman Kemp nominating Mr. Rick Tribble to fill the vacant position. The motion received a second from Alderman Everette. The roll call vote was as follows: Aldermen Kemp, Everette, and Dinsmore voted "Yes". Aldermen Daniel and Linkous voted "NO". The Mayor cast a "YES" vote, but after some research by the city attorney, it was determined that only a simple majority of the Council was required, in which case the Mayor's vote was not required and, therefore, had no bearing on the outcome. The motion passed 3 for and 2 against.

A short recess followed, during which time Mr. Tribble went with Alderman Kemp to a Justice of the Peace to be sworn in. Upon their return, Alderman Tribble took his seat on the Council.

Meeting reconvened at 8:35pm 4-8-03.

A motion was made by Alderman Kemp to move the Planning Commission recommendations to the next position on the agenda. A second was offered by Alderman Dinsmore. Subsequent voice vote was unanimous.

Issue 3: Planning Commission Recommendations

Mr. Robert Hall, of the Planning Commission, offered the following recommendations:

- *Widen Shannon Hills Drive from Family Market to near the bridge at Otter Creek.
- *Repaint center line and edge striping on same section of roadway.
- *Repair eroded shoulders in various locations around the city, especially at the intersection of Bonnie and Shannon Hills Drive.

The Council acknowledged the need and some discussion ensued related to the cost of undertaking the above listed projects. Recommendations were duly noted.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Kemp that shoulder repair and striping of Shannon Hills Drive and pot hole repair on Joan Drive near the Fire Station be addressed immediately; and that a study of costs and feasibility be undertaken concerning the other issues. Second was offered by Alderman Daniel. Roll call vote was unanimous. (Motion passed 6 for, 0 against).

Issue 4. Improvements to “dirt part” of Joan Drive

The Citizens who live on the unpaved section of Joan Drive again addressed the Council requesting that action be taken to improve the roadway. Among the topics that were discussed were:

- Bid figures for paving the unpaved section...\$20,320.00 (See Attachment “E”).

- Law concerning improvements on non-dedicated roadways.

- (Conscription and Dedication)

- Switching from Sardis to Shannon Hills water system by residents in that unpaved section.

- Maintenance vs. Rebuilding

- Trash dumping on that section of road.

A motion was made by Alderman Kemp to authorize placement of a sign warning people to not dump trash and stating the fine for doing so. Motion received a second from Alderman Tribble. Motion passed 6 for, 0 against, by voice vote.

With respect to paving, and other major improvements to Joan Dr. (extended), it was recommended that details related to the issue be gathered and a current and up-to-date opinion be obtained from the State Attorney General.

No action was taken concerning the other topics.

Issue 5. Animal Control Ordinance

A draft copy of an amendment to Ordinance 99-07 (Animal Control) was distributed and it was agreed that after giving all members a chance to review the draft, the issue would be addressed at next month's (May) meeting. This would give all members of the council, and citizens, an opportunity to study it and make recommendations. This plan was a product of a motion to continue this item by Alderman Kemp with a second by Alderman Tribble. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Issue 6. Funds for Easter Celebration

The Mayor requested that the Council authorize expending up to \$165.00 to be used for the Easter Celebration. Motion by Alderman Daniel with second by Alderman Dinsmore. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Issue 7. Emergency Preparedness

Topic was brought to the floor by Alderman Kemp and Police Chief John Brown. They suggested the formation of an “Emergency Preparedness Committee”. Chief Brown described how the Committee should work and how the plan would need to incorporate

interaction with HomeLand Security and SHEP. A motion was made by Alderman Dinsmore with a second by Alderman Daniel to place Alderman Kemp in charge of getting the project organized and set up. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Issue 8. New truck for Water Department

Jim Ort presented bid information. After a brief discussion, Alderman Daniel made a motion that the city accept the bid submitted by Crain GMC of Conway for a Chevrolet 2500 4x4 priced at \$19,345.45. The motion received a second from Alderman Kemp. Roll call vote was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Daniel. A second was offered by Alderman Kemp. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50pm 4-08-03

Date:_____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer